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16 October 1969

IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF COMIREX

MINUTES OF MEETING

10:00 - 13:30 Tuesday, 7 October 1969

PRESIDING

Acting Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. J. C. St. Cyr, OACSI

Mr. J. Urban, ONI
Lt. Col. B. R. Hodgson, AFNIN

Office of Chairman:

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

OBSERVERS PRESENT

Cdr. J. Babb, ONI

IRIS II - OPTICAL BAR CAMERA SYSTEM

1. The Subcommittee was briefed by [redacted] NPIC concerning characteristics of the IRIS II Optical Bar Camera system which is presently being used in the U2R overflying of CUBA and some problems the system poses in bookkeeping the area coverage requirement. [redacted] described the system as follows:

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NRG review(s) completed.

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FOCAL LENGTH - 24 inch
SLANT ANGLE - 140 degrees Cross Track
EXPOSURE SETTING - Controlled by Sensors
TYPE OF FILM - 3404
FILM LOAD - 10,500 ft.
SWATH WIDTH - 63 NM
LINEAR COVERAGE - 2,000 NM
SQ. NM COVERAGE - 126,000
RESOLUTION

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Analysis of the first two operational missions revealed instances of double imagery, and gaps in coverage or poor quality imagery made whenever the aircraft made sharp turns. This being the case, [] recommended that the mission tracks be planned with a minimum of turns and that NPIC not include coverage taken on turns in any of their bookkeeping reports.

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25X1A 2. [] queried NPIC regarding the suitability of coverage at the extreme limits of the film due to the depression angle. [] responded that this was a technical question which he was not prepared to answer, however, he would consult the appropriate NPIC personnel and provide the information in a memorandum to Chairman, ICRS.

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3. Chairman stated that he would draft a memorandum to Chairman, COMIREX regarding the criteria to be used in reporting coverage. He also requested that DIA communicate to SAC the desire that they utilize the minimum number of turns as are operationally possible.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Chairman reported that the draft minutes for the meeting of 30 September had not been distributed. He stated that they would be published in time for approval at the next meeting.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS

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25X1A 6. [] reported there was no change to the launch schedule which
is as follows:

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1109 - 18 Feb 70

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SOUTH CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM PRIORITIES LIST

8. Three ground force targets in North Vietnam were deleted from the list.
[] reported that DIA would have some additional recommendations for
the next meeting.

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9. In response to a question from DIA as to the function and purpose of
the South China priorities list, the Subcommittee had a lengthy discussion of the
list. In reviewing the background of the list, the Chairman cited the following
requirements that prompted maintenance of the list:

- a) Detection of possible Chinese involvement in SEA
was initial requirement.
- b) Identify those targets that would indicate the
introduction of offensive missiles into North Vietnam.
- c) Establish data base for the area.

CIA member commented that he felt the original reasons for maintaining
the list were no longer valid and as a result the list served no useful purpose.

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[] pointed out that considerable lead time is required to plan missions, and as a result a collection list must be maintained since the ICRS can not be expected to provide specific guidance for each mission. He stressed the fact that DoD utilized the list for operational planning of missions. In closing, the Chairman stated that he was aware the whole Far East requirement needed to be revised, that he supported the maintenance of a "meaningful" priorities list and in the meantime he was open to any suggestions for modifications to the list.

CUBAN RECONNAISSANCE REQUIREMENT

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10. [] informed the Subcommittee that he was uncertain as to when he would have a DIA position on a revised Cuban requirement. He recommended that the Chairman prepare a draft paper based on what he has received to date. Chairman stated that he would get a paper out in the next few days.

SENSITIVE OPERATIONS COMPLEXES (SOCs)

11. Chairman distributed a memorandum which recommended that DIA take the necessary action to change the IDHS category of the Sensitive Operations Complexes to a nuclear warhead stockpile site category (60410) and that the ICRS Staff change the COMIREX category to nuclear (3C) vice unidentified (9A). He requested that members be prepared to act on this at the next meeting.

TARGET UPDATES

12. The weekly transaction sheets containing: 24 Additions
104 Changes
2 Inactivates
65 Deletions were approved.

Eight recommended actions were placed in a pending status until the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

13. Chairman disseminated a paper proposing numerous changes to targets in North Korea. These changes were based on an extensive review by [] of targets in North Korea. A decision on these was requested by COB 17 October so action could be effected []

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14. [] reported that Chairman, COMIREX had charged Chairman, ICRS and EXSUBCOM to coordinate a community evaluation and make recommendations to COMIREX regarding the SITD project. He reported that about 30 selected SITDs would be available for review around 20 October.

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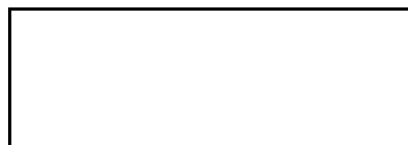


16. Chairman reported that he had been informed by the Executive Secretary, COMIREX that the Middle East requirement would be considered by COMIREX at Thursday's meeting. If members had any last minute modifications to the ICRS paper forwarded to COMIREX, [redacted] requested that it be called to his attention as soon as possible.

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17. [redacted] outlined a proposed itinerary for an ICRS trip to the West Coast during the week of 19 October.



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AGENDA

10:00, 7 October 1969, Room 2G-22 Headquarters

1. NPIC presentation on results of first OLD HEAD - IRIS II Mission.
2. Approval of Minutes - 30 September 1969
3. Operational Report - NRO
4. South China/North Vietnam Priorities List (ICRS-D-6/18-6, 8 September 1969)
5. Cuba Requirements ¹
6. Discussion of Sensitive Operations Complexes - Chairman
7. Update COMIREX File - Pages 598 thru 622.
8. Other Business

¹ Dependent on DIA readiness.

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